

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheets of formal drawings replace the original informal drawings.

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Communication and Restriction Requirement mailed May 6, 2005. By this paper, Applicants elect with traverse the species of the claimed invention shown in Figs. 12-25. Claims 1-12 are readable on this species. Additionally, Applicants submit herewith the attached replacement sheets of formal drawings to replace the original informal drawings. Accordingly, claims 1-12 are pending upon entry of this paper and ready for review by the Examiner.

Restriction Requirement

The Examiner contends that Figs. 1-11 and 12-25 of the application contain patentably distinct species, and requires for prosecution on the merits that a single species be selected to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. As recognized by the Examiner, the pending independent claims, as they now stand, are generic and cover both species. As required, Applicants select the species identified by the Examiner as species B related to the utility vehicle. However, this selection is with traverse because Applicants believe that it is incorrect to say that Figs. 1-11 are directed to one species while Figs. 12-25 are directed to a separate species.

Applicants agree that the tractor shown in Fig. 1 and the utility vehicle shown in Fig. 12 are different vehicles. However, these vehicles are only representative of the type of vehicles on which this invention may be useful. It is not correct to classify Figs. 1-11 as being directed to one species and Figs. 12-25 as being directed to a separate species because several of these figures are of components that are included in both the tractor of Figure 1 and the utility vehicle of Figure 12. For example, the actuation means shown in Figs. 2 and 3, the control circuits shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 25, the sensing mechanism shown in Figs. 18-22, and the control mechanism shown in Figs. 23 and 24 are substantially the same for both vehicles and are not described as pertaining to one or the other of the tractor or the utility vehicle.

Applicants have amended the specification to clarify that Figs. 1-11 and Fig. 12-25 are not different embodiments of the invention, but rather the vehicles in Figs. 1 and 12 are different vehicles on which the invention may be employed. Furthermore, both tractors and utility vehicles conventionally have both dash boards and steering wheels. The fact that the illustrated

tractor is shown as having activating means such as push buttons on the steering wheel and the illustrated utility vehicle is shown as having the activating push button on the dash board is not intended to be limiting. The inclusion of different illustrated embodiments is meant to show that the activating means can be located in one of several different locations without departing from the scope of the invention.

Amendments to the Specification

Applicants submit herewith an amendment to the specification to correct various informalities and improve the readability of the specification. Applicants submit that no new matter was added by these amendments.

Conclusion

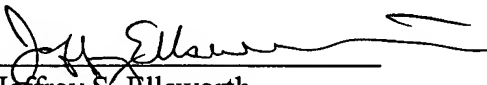
In view of the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicant submits that the claims presented herein are patentably distinguishable from the art applied and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner determine that anything else is desirable to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully Submitted,

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